

TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
April 23, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m.

INVOCATION: Pastor Bob Szoke, Impact Christian Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: All members were present.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND REMONSTRATIONS:

Mr. Hardaway passed out books that were sent to him to all council members. Mr. Hardaway said on May 9th there will be a spaghetti dinner for Ross Township Food Pantry at Sts Constantine Helen Greek Orthodox Church 8000 Madison Merrillville and asking for some participation. Mr. Hardaway said the Post Office will have their annual Food Drive on May 11th.

Mr. Pettit announced with great sadness the passing of Bob Bigelow he served on the Planning Commission for 6 years. Mr. Pettit read a letter from a person of interest Julie Olthoff for the Planning Commission position. Mr. Pettit said he had the pleasure of working with Mrs. Olthoff in a variety of ways and thinks she would be an excellent addition.

Mr. Pettit made a motion to accept the appointee Julie Olthoff for Planning Commission and was seconded by Mrs. Barron. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Pettit read the Proclamation for Arbor Day and designated that on Friday April 26, 2019 be designated Arbor Day. Mr. Pettit made a motion to designated April 26th as Arbor Day and was seconded by Mrs. Uzelac. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of the Accounts Payable Register Voucher dated April 23, 2019. Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2019. Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve and was seconded by Ms. LaMarca. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

BUDGET & FINANCE:

Mrs. Barron had no report.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Minchuk had no report.

COUNCIL AFFAIRS:

Ms. LaMarca had no report.

PERSONNEL POLICY & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:

Mr. Pettit had no report.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Mrs. Uzelac said she wanted to give thanks to Police Chief Mr. Petruch and the SWAT Team for their professionalism for shooting that took place last week and keeping residents safe.

Mr. Petruch also thanked the Northwest Indiana SWAT Team as well they did an outstanding job responding and keeping the area safe.

PARKS & RECREATION:

Ms. LaMarca had no report and refereed to Ms. Olrich for a report. Ms. Olrich said due to this winter freeze and thaw the board walk located at Pruzin heaved, the board walk was closed and is now reopened after repairs were made by Ryan's Construction. Ms. Olrich said Arbor Day at Pruzin Park will be Friday April 26th there will be students from Aquinas Catholic School helping plant trees. Ms. Olrich said she received quotes for the new Savannah Ridge playground and later tonight will go over these quotes with Mr. Minchuk. Ms. Olrich said she had the Master Plan this evening and are looking for comments from the Parks Committee to add to the Master Plan. Ms. Olrich said she also working with the Impact Fee Committee and made mention of the 2020 Census.

Mr. Uzleac said that she was out at Crescent Lake and commended Ms. Olrich and Mr. Lake on great job that was done out there. Some Discussion followed.

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS:

Mr. Barron had no report.

ELECTIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Mrs. Uzelac reminded everyone that Elections will take place on May 7th in the Town of Merrillville at all the polling places from 6:00a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Mr. Pettit had no report

UTILITY LIAISON:

Mr. Spann had no report.

ABANDONED PROPERTIES:

President Hardaway had no report.

GENERAL ORDERS:

FIRST READING ORDINANCES:

None

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BZA ACTIONS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

All public comment is recorded on an audio file and kept on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office at Town Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, April 24, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Police Commission meeting, May 3, 2019 at 8:0 a.m.

Stormwater Management Board meeting, May 8, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

Plan Commission workshop meeting, May 8, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Town Council meeting, May 14, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Mrs. Barron made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Mrs. Uzelac.

Richard Hardaway, President

Eugene Guernsey, Clerk-Treasurer